and guards.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

BOERS FLED IN THE NIGHT.

ROBERTS FOUND EMPTY TRENCHES AT THE RHENOSTER RIVER.

French's Cavairy Again Made the Enemy's Position Untenable by a Flanking Movement-No Battle Expected South of the Vaal-Gen. Hamilton Has Occupted Hellbren - His Force Had Hard Pighting-Many Free State Burghers Surrendering

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, May 23. The following despatch has been received at the War Office from Gen.

"SOUTH BANK OF THE RHENOSTER RIVER, May 23, 1:30 P. M. We found on arrival here this morning that the enemy had fled during the night. They had occupied a strong position on the north bank of the river, which had been carefully entrenched, but they did not think it advisable to defend it when they heard that Hamilton's force was at Heilbron, and that our cavalry which crossed the Rhenoster some miles lower down the stream were threatening their right and rear. "The bridge over the Rhenoster, several culverts and some miles of the railway have been

destroyed. "Hamilton's troops drove the Boers under Piet De Wet before them from Lindley to Heilbron. The passage of the Rhenoster was steatly defended Our loss might have been heavy but for a well concerted plan, which brought Smith-Dorrien's brigade on the enemy's flank just at the right moment.

"The officer commanding at Boshof reports that upward of three bundred and fifty Free Staters surrendered during the last few days, giving up 350 rifles, about one hundred horses and a large amount of ammunition. "Kelly-Kenny reports that three companies of

reomanry who were sent to repair the telegraph and clear the country between Bloemfontein and Boshof have returned to Bloemfontein, having performed their duty exceedingly well." Gen. Roberts had previously reported from Honing Spruit, which is twenty miles north of Mafeking, sixty south of the Vaal River and on the railway line to Johannesburg, as follows, under yesterday's date:
"Ian Hamilton reached Heilbron this morn-

ingafter a series of engagements with Boers under Commandant Christopher De Wet, who bretiring before him.

"Broadwood has captured fifteen Boer "There have been seventy-five casualties

among Hamilton's men.

"We marched here this morning." LONDON, May 24,-Gen. Roberts's despatches tell all that is known here of his advance and the Boers' abandonment of their positions on the of the correspondents reaffirm that they are

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail guarantees the reliability of his informant, burghers are anxious to return to their homes where their wives and children are hungry and

persing without obtaining leave. In the informant's own district skulkers are already being hunted down and sent to the front under arrest. Commandant Schalk-Burger, with a strong commando, is turning back deserters at

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Lorenzo Marques declares that the counsels at Pretoria are divided. Those favoring the continuance of the war are in a minority. A deputation of burghers who desired a surrender interviewed President Krager, who replied that he must consult with the Generals. Terms of the surrender are being discussed, but their nature is unknown; neither can it be said which way the debate is going. The President has been unapproachable for a week. He does not leave the presidency, pleading illness. He holds councils from daybreak until night.

spondent asserts that the foreign mercenaries serving with the Boers are rapidly deserting in view of the recent reverses.

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The reports from Lorenzo Marques stating that the British had occupied Klerksdorp and Vereeniging are now disapproved by Gen. Roberts's desputches. It is clear that statements from that place need to be taken with

Some details have been received of the dis aster to Bethune's Horse in the neighborhood of Vryheid, which make it appear that his intelligence was at fault. Relying upon it he altered the route that Gen. Buller had prescribed for him and tried to occupy Vryheid, from which place he was told the Boers had departed. A squadron under Major Goff hurried ahead and walked into a trap. The Boers mowed them down with Maxim guns and the squadron finding retreat impossible advanced and fought until they were within twenty yards of the Boer rifles. The British lost five officers and sixty-three men killed. Capt. Goff was killed and Captain the Farl of De la Warr was wounded and appar-

intly taken a prisoner. The latest information concerning situation at Laing's Nek confirms the reports of the probability of the Boers making a strong defence there. The Standard's correspondent at Newcastle says that Commandant Lucas Meyer's Natal army had fied in alarm, leaving no Boers in Natal, but since the Wakkerstroom commando, coming from the Free State and not affected by panic like Commandant Meyer's men, have occupied Laing's Nek reënforcements have joined them and they are now rapidly intrenching and mounting a big gun on Ponwani Hill, which is

said to be a second Majuba. There are two or three reports that the damage done by the Boers to the railway tunnel through Laing's Nek is much less than was to be expected from the quantity of dynamite

The engineers have restored Newcastle's water supply, which was cut off by the Boers

before they retreated from the town.

There is a quantity of interesting gossip about Mafeking, but nothing of importance, except a statement from the Mail's correspondent that the former besiegers of the town while fleeing to the Transvani were overtaken by the British and surrounded. The result is not stated and the story needs confirmation.

Two guns of the Canadian artillery shared in

Gen Sir Charles Warren's fight at Douglas This incident shows that the rebels were in a strength that was unsuspected here.

A despatch to the Times from Ficksburg dated Tuesday states that a British patrol visited that town and found it deserted, the Boers having retired to Bethlehem. The landdrost and the local member of the Volksraad were captured

The Times's correspondent at Lorenzo Marques confirms the story that the family of State Secretary Riets of the Trans-

Seventy-seven Hotels. Within from one to fifteen minutes you can reach tay one of 77 New York notels from the New York Central's Grand Central Station, best place in New York to land or start from.—Adv.

vaal sailed on the German steamer OUIGG HANGING ON TIGHT. Bundesrath. The departure of the steamer, the correspondent says, was attended with much mystery. After waiting for seven hours for the arrival of a special train from Pretoria the vessel started, but came to an anchor a mile outside the harbor. Subsequently a number of boats went to and fro. arousing the conjecture that some prominent Boer politician had fied to Europe. It is more probable, how-ever, that the Bundesrath was awaiting a fur-

her shipment of bullion. The correspondent accuses the Boer authorities of suppressing a telegram from Cape Town which was sent in reply to a matter that Mr. Hay, the American Consul at Pretoria, had referred there concerning British subjects connected with the mines. The telegram was never delivered.

CAPE TOWN, May 22 .- Sir Charles Warren has occupied Douglas after heavy fighting. He captured a number of wagons. The rebels retreated to the north.

PART OF BOER CONVOY TAKEN. There Were 12,000 Boers at the Rhenoster

River—Commandant Wessels Surrenders.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. From THE SUN'S Correspondents at the Front.

HRILBRON, May 23 .- Hellbron was occupied by the British yesterday. Gen Broadwood observed a large Boer convoy leaving in a northwesterly direction and after a brilliant stern chase and shelling of the Boers with pompons and cannon he outflanked them and captured thirteen wagons and nine prisoners. There were no casualties among the British.

HONING SPRUIT, May 22, 7:30 P. M .- A resident of this place, which Gen. Roberts reached this morning, has shown THE SUN'S correspondent a sketch which he says discloses the Boer position at the Rhenoster wagon langer. East of the railway the fighting position, or what would naturally be the fighting position, is unoccupied. On the west of the railway it is said that there are 12,000 Boers with fifteen guns, including one Long Tom. The Boers are not entrenched but their position affords natural cover.

All the bridges have been blown up. Commandant Wessels has tendered the submission of himself and his men.

CHASED BOERS PROM MAPEKING. Garrison and Relieving Columns United in an Attack After Siege Was Raised.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 23.-The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

"Honing Spruit, May 22.—The following has been received from Baden-Powell dated May 17: I beg to inform you that Mafeking was successfully relieved to-day. The northern and southern columns joined bands on May 15 and attacked the enemy on May 16. After a smart Rhenoster River. Their retreat is regarded as a engagement the enemy was completely defeated further indication that they will not risk a battle enywhere south of the Vaal River. Some killed and twenty-two wounded.

"The relieving forces marched into Mafeking

"There was intense enthusiasm as the troops

marched through the town. The people scarcely realize that they have been relieved. "I have just made a tour of the enemy's renches and the filth is indescribable. "The railway to Kimberley is already being

repaired and it is hoped that communication will be reestablished within two weeks." This is the first unofficial despatch that has been received from Mafeking since the relief of

Unconditional Surrender Out of the Question
—Other Leaders Also Determined.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Pretoria. PRETORIA, May 20, via Lorenzo Marques,

Mr. Smuts declared that the Transvaal Gov-ernment would be obliged to fight on to the bitter end. Recent utterances of British politicians, Mr. Smuts said, showed that no mercy would be shown to the two republics, which were now aware of what their ultimate fate would be. The war, he declared, would not be concluded for a long time yet. He regretted that Johannesburg should be com-pelled to suffer, but the Government had no choice in the matter. The pressure was too

STEYN DID NOT GO EMPTY HANDED. He Fled From Kroonstad.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Kroonstad KROONSTAD, May 21, 5:50 P. M.-Major Poore of the Seventh Lancers, who is also connected with the South African police, has been busy from morning to night since his arrival here in receiving arms which are being turned in by the burghers and in issuing passes. The arms are all carefully examined. The Major must have issued at least fifteen hundred passes up to the present time. Several of the Boers who sur-

rendered have been sent to Cape Town. THE SUN'S correspondent understands that Paul Botha, a representative in the Orenge Free State Volksraad from this place, tried to make an arrangement with President Steyn to accept the occupation of the town and leave the seals here. Piet De Wet, who offered to surrender on certain conditions, tried to prevent the burning of the goods sheds President Steyn carried away all the silver in the banks here except about £5,000. The banks

will hardly feel the loss. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 23. - A despatch from Kimberley says 800 Colonial rebels have surrendered

to the British at Vryburg. Carl II. Schultz, 430 to 444 1st Av., N. Y. Pure and correct mineral waters manufactured from distilled water and chemically pure ingredients.—

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OBJECTS TO WITHERBEE FOR HEAD OF THE COUNTY COMMITTEE.

Ever Since He Promised to Quit. for the Party's Good, He Has Apparently Regretted It-Testimonial Dinner Was Set Afoot, but Platt Wouldn't Go "Until He Retires."

A despatch from Washington printed in a Republican morning newspaper yesterday, announcing that Senator Platt had selected the Hon. Frank Spencer Witherbee of 4 Fifth avenue, New York city, to be the successor of the Hon. Lemuel Ely Quigg as President of the New York Republican County Committee, attracted a great deal of attention to Republican circles. Mr. Witherbee said, after reading the despatch, that his selection was news to him, and he rather thought there was a mistake somewhere, because he was a voter in Essex county. Still, as a matter of fact, Mr. Witherbee has been a New York business man for twenty years with an office in New York city; and he spends nine months in the year in this city. It would be easy enough for him to qualify as a voter in New York city. The situation concerning New York Republican county affairs has become so acute that it is time to tell what has occurred within the last week. President Quigg at a caucus of the Republican

County Committee last Thursday afternoon in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Building, 1 Madison avenue, announced that he would very much like to remain President of the committee in order to conduct the fight for the Republicans during the forthcoming Presidential battle in New York county, and also the Mayoralty fight next year. Mr. Quigg made a very frank statement as to his wishes and finally after some discussion the caucus voted that he should not resign on Thursday night last, as many expected he would do. The following evening Senator Platt arrived from Washington. He met a number of Republicans at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and on the following

at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and on the following day at his office, 49 Broadway, other Republicans talked with him as to the successor of President Quigg.

President Quigg has said in his public utterances that he desired to retire as head of the committee. "for the good of the Republican party." The Republicans who talked with Senator Platt last Saturday presented the name of Mr. Witherbee and said that he would make a splendid man to head the New York Republicans in the forthcoming fight. Later Mr Quigg met Mr. Platt at his office and Mr. Platt suggested to Mr. Quigg that Mr. Witherbee would be an excellent man for President of the New York County Committee. Mr. Quigg has been silent as to what occurred between himself and Mr. Platt on that occasion, but eminent Republicans who talked with Mr. Platt, later on Saturday said yesterday that Mr. Quigg called the attention of Senator Platt to the fact that Mr. Witherbee had been a voter in Essex county. As a result of the conversation between Mr. Platt and Mr. Quigg there has been no final selection of Mr. Witherbee to be Mr. Quigg's successor. A great many Republicans talked with yesterday seem to believe that Mr. Quigg, notwithstanding his public utterances, now desires to hold on to his place.

battle anywhere south of the Vaal River. Some of the correspondents reaffirm that they are of the correspondents reaffirm that they are demoralized and are not likely to make a stand even at the Vaal, but such reports are mainly traceable to sources that are invariably unreliable.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail guarantees the reliability of his informant, whom he describes as a prominent Boer official who het Pretoria on May 19, who asserts that the burghers are anxious to return to their homes where their wives and children are hungry and iever stricken. They were astoniahed by Gen. Roberts's speed and pertinactly and huddled round Viljoens Drift for two days until hull fifter the occupation of Kroonstad emball site from the return south.

Nevertheless if their retrent is renewed there wilbe a general collapse, each command dispersing without obtaining leave. In the ingesting without obtaining leave are already in the control of the New York county.

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effort to get up a public dinner at which Mr. Quigg was to be the guest of honor. The idea of this dinner was to rehabilitate Mr. Quigg in Republican circles in New York county. Mr. Platt was invited to attend this dinner and he refused to do so. Mr. Platt said that he would attend any dinner in Mr. Quigg's honor after Mr. Quigg had retired as President of the New York County Committee and not before. So the dinner project fell through."

Since then another scheme has been broached. It was to the effect that within the next week or so, certainly before the next meeting of the Republican County Committee on June 21. a number of Republican Assembly district leaders should call upon Senator Platt and protest against the proposed retirement of Mr. Quigg as President of the committee. One of the proposed members of this proposed committee said yesterday that this project was still in abeyance.

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As a matter of fact, the successor of Mr Quigg will not be selected until Senator Platt has had a final talk with the Hon. Beniamin B Odell, Jr., chairman of the Republican State Committee. Because of the resolution adopted by Congress yesterday to adjourn on June 6, Chairman Odell is now hurrying on from California. He has cut short his vacation two weeks.

PRETORIA, May 20, via Lorenzo Marques, faz 22, 9 P. M.—In aninterview on the situation co-day President Krüger said unconditional surrender was out of the question. The Transvaal, he declared, would fight on until most of its burghers were dead.

"But," he added, "there is plenty of life left in them yet."

The Rev. Mr. Bosman, who is by far the most influential olerayman of the Transvaal burgher church, and who is known to be an opponent of the Krüger Government and was a bosom friend of the late Vice-President and Commandant-General Joubert, was interviewed today on the prospects and probable outcome of the war. He said:

"The two republics may be crushed by the overwhelming forces of the British, but the national spirit of the Afrikanders will never be exterminated. They will, just as certain as time rolle on, rule South Africa, even if it must be under a foreign flag."

The correspondent of THE SUN also interviewed State's Attorney Smuts on the outlook. Mr. Smuts declared that the Transvaal Government would be obliged to fight on to the grant of the county could be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be obliged to fight on to the grant would be safety for the from the first would be safety for the first would come out in open facilities a President of the County Committee a number of times. He has pour f

EASY TO DESTROY THE MINES.

State Engineer of the Transvaal Says Fifty Men Could Do It in Two Days. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Johannesburg. JOHANNESBURG, May 20, via Lorenzo Marques, May 22, 6 P. M.—The correspondent of

THE SUN here has had an interview with Mr. Klimke, the State Mining Engineer of the Transvaal, on the report that the Rand gold mines were to be destroyed. Mr. Klimke said that personally he was opposed to any such terrible measure. He knew also, he said, that President Krüger and the Government were opposed to any such arbitrary action. But if such a course was thought to be neces

sary for military reasons, he felt sure that fifty men with unlimited supplies of dynamite at their disposal would leave nothing intact along the whole of the reefs, either on the surface or underground, in a period of two days.

ANOTHER NOTE TO THE SULTAN. Not an Ultimatum, but a Firm Reminder That

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FIVE STATES MILK PRODUCERS. They Decide to Continue the Fight Against the New York Milk Association

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., May 23 Representatives of the Five States Milk Producers' Association met in this city to-day and decided to continue the fight against the Milk Association of New York for higher prices. It was the largest and best represented meeting ever held by the association, over 500 delegates, representing every union in the association being present. This morning the members of the Executive Committee were closeted for several hours with James L. Bennett of Brooklyn, counsel for the and of which Senator Depew is the Presi-James L. Bennett of Brooklyn, counsel for the association, and the situation was thoroughly gone over. It was agreed that the lirst step should be toward preventing the adulteration of milk. This was the cause of the oversupply and was accomplished by employees of the milk dealers skimming down rich milk that showed butter tests of 10, 15 and 20 per cent, to 3 per cent, thus obtaining cream at a cost of 32 cents per can. There was not a piace in New York or Brooklyn where milk was sold by the drink, Mr. Bennett said, that even this 3 per cent, was not adulterated with water. The Executive Committee also talked over methods of disposing of the milk on hand. It was proposed to establish creameries and convert it into butter and cheese, which will bring higher prices than the milk sold in New York. The committee decided to recommend that the fight be kept up, and when the convention assembled in odd Fellows' Hall this afternoon a large majority of the delegates expressed themselves in favor of fighting it tout. A resolution was adopted allowing each member of the association to use his discretion in selling his milk until July 1. After the conference the Executive Committee gave out the following for publication in New York papers:

"The Five States meeting was attended by five hundred representatives of various unions. Inquiry on the road showed that 2,600 cans of milk are being withheld, and as much more held in New York at two cents per quart, the farmers' price. A very strong sentiment was expressed by the delegates present to take further action, but no further action will be taken by the organization at present, leaving it to the individual members. The association emphatically denies that it is in any way endeavoring to increase the retail price of milk in New York." association, and the situation was thorough-

CITY COUNCIL THERE TO SEE. Detroit Street Car Tracks Ordered Torn Up

and City Officials Watch It Done. DETROIT, Mich. May 23.-Workmen of the Street Railway Company put in a curve at Gratiot and Mount Elliott avenues last night to connect the tracks of the Detroit and Citizens Railway. To-night, before 6 o'clock, the tracks were torn up by order of the Common Council in the presence of that body, city officlais and officers of the Street Railway Company. The city is prosecuting lawsuits against these companies, and public feeling toward the corporations is none too amiable as a consequence of establishing five-cent fares, few days ago the companies secured a permit from the Board of Public Works to make th connection by way of a curve. Neither th Council nor the Mayor was consulted, becaus the Corporation Counsel had advised the President of the board that he had full power transition processors.

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Yesterday afternoon the companies began the work of putting in the curve. Notice of the "fact was communicated to the Council. That body immediately ordered necessary papers to be drawn up to enjoin the companies from proceeding. Judge Donovan signed the necessary process. Deputy Sheriffs were despatched to the scene and proceeded to serve the process. The foreman of the gang refused to stop work or, order it stopped. He was promptly arrested and taken to jail. Afterward the gang completed the job and at daylight this morning the two roads were connected.

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Mayor Maybury promptly called the Common
Council in extra session and that body as
promptly adopted a resolution calling upon the
Board of Works to put the streets back in the
condition they were in before the curve was
laid.

Having done this the Conneil, proceeded in a
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obeyed to the letter. Manager Dupont protested, saying that he had an injunction, but
as he produced none the workmen quickly tore
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Found Shot on a Park Bench.

A man supposed to be Louis Smith of 337 East Ninety-fifth street was found dead in Central Park last night with a bullet wound in the left temple. His body was found on a bench on the East Drive by Policeman Farley of the Park squad.

Mount Pleasant House, White Mis., has its representative, Mr. L. H. Bingham, at 3 Park place.—Ads,

DEPEW'S 200-MILE SPEECH.

HE TELEPHONED IT HERE FROM WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT.

Senator Couldn't Come Over to Attend Transportation Club's Dinner, so the Railroad Men Put in 60 Receivers in the Banquet Room and He Talked to Them by 'Phone.

The Transportation Club, whose quarters are on the top floor of the Hotel Manhattan dent, gave its annual dinner last night Until yesterday afternoon, it was expected that the Senator would preside at the dinner. Then he found it would be impossible for him to leave Washington and he telephoned to that effect to George H. Daniels, Vice-President of the club and general passenger agent of the New York Central. Senator Depew said, however, that if some arrangement could be made he was willing to give the diners a little talk over the long distance telephone from his residence in Washington beginning at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Daniels told the Senator that the sugges

tion was great and he would see what could be done. He communicated with the telephone people and they said they guessed they could fix it. Accordingly, a force of men was sent to the banquet room and over in the southeast corner a telephone was rigged up with sixty receivers. So rapidly did the men work that everything was ready when those bidden to the dinner arrived. They didn't know, however, what was in store for them. When the coffee and cigars had gone round Mr. Daniels arose and told the diners that he was rattling around in the place of the President of the club, who had found it impossible to leave Washington. "But," said Mr. Daniels, "to paraphrase the Scripture, though he be ab-

sent yet shall he speak. Senator Depew will make us a speech over the telephone from his residence in Washington at half past 9." Then the Central's general passenger agent went on with one of those talks for which he is famous among railroad men and some others, in which he had fun with nearly everybody at the table, and put everybody in the best possible humor. He called upon William S. Hawk to talkjupon "Transportation and Accommodations." Mr. Hawk was followed by former Postmaster-General Thomas L. James, whose speech

was upon "Transportation and the Mails. Just as Gen. James sat down the bell at the pecially rigged telephone rang. The secretary of the club answered it, a connection was established with Senator Depew's house, and then sixty of the diners took up the sixty receivers and heard the following speech:

"Gentlemen -I have spoken to 30,000 people This is the first time I ever made a speech 200 miles in length. Distance is easy for a railroad man, however. It is his business to overcome it He has rapidly annihilated space by steam. He intends to kill more of it by electricity. This is an experiment for the fastest time on

This is an experiment for the fastest time on record by wind—or compressed air. When this system is perfected and the statesman can talk thousands of miles, with a switch at every station, the results will be incalculable.

"Gov. Roosevelt, from Albany, could inspire the whole State by one effort with a strenuous life. Col. Bryan from Omaha could speak sixteen ways with one speech. The effect upon the circulation of documents and newspapers may be dieastrous, the world will become hearers and not readers. With Congressional oratory thus distributed in every home, the family circle will never appreciate its blessings until they enjoy them.

"The only men who thoroughly enjoy themselves are the active workers on the railroads. They can work for the benefit of the public and play for their own pleasure, as the people in no other pursuit are able to. Speed, signals, switches, curves on the one hand, and millions of people to be hurled in safety and comfort from one end of the country to the other, on the other hand, give to the railroad man concentration, religiance and outler, percention.

Go to O'Neill's for Garden Hose.

Lawn Mowers, and other outdoor goods; you can buy the fellable kind cheaper there than in any other latest styles in Dress Shapes at 25c. each. 6th Ave., 20th to 21st St.—Ada.

If you order Pommery you know you are getting the latest styles in Dress Shapes at 25c. each. 6th Ave., 20th to 21st St.—Ada.

NEW BOAT MAKES 35,886 KNOTS. British Turbine Torpedo Boat Destroyer Cobra Beats the Viper's Record.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON May 23 -- It is stated that the new turbine torpedo boat destroyer Cobra, which has just been completed on the Tyne, has beaten the Viper's record, making 35.886 knots per hour. The Admiralty is arranging a long series of trials for the Viper, which also has turbine engines, in all conditions of sea and weather. It is possible that further tests of the Cobra will be made at the same time.

FIREBUGS OPERATING UPTOWN.

Five Incendiary Fires in Three Weeks and Two Persons Burned to Death. The tenants in the five-story flat house at

1225 Lexington avenue smelled smoke yesterday afternoon. The janitor found that the plaster and laths had been removed from under the staircase leading from the basement to the first floor and that three old brooms had been set on fire and pushed into the hole. The brooms were taken to the East Eighty-eighth brooms were taken to the East Eighty-eighth street police station, and Capt. Frers put three detectives at work.

Five incendiary fires have occurred in the neighborhood since May 1. In one, that at 1091 Park avenue last Monday morning, two persons were burned to death. Battalion Chief McCartney of the Fire Department has asked that householders berequested to have their cellar doors locked and to furnish tradesmen with keys. This, he thinks, would keep the firebugs out.

kind of Rowland convex grating and quartz lenses in the place of the prismatic camera used by Prof. Young of Princeton, who conducted the first investigations on this subject. Prof. Young found that iron formed the largest part of the sun, but other metals are supposed to exist there in large quantities, and the Columbia observers hope to verify or disprove these surmises. Dr. Jewell of the Johns Hopkins University observatory will assist the local party in their investigations.

BEER DRINKING ON CLASS DAY. Columbia Students to Introduce Novel Features in This Year's Exercises.

The Class Day Committee of the senior class of Columbia University announces the introduction of athletic features in the class day exercises this year. It was with satisfaction that the committee received a suggestion from the university authorities that a regarda be held by the crews on that day. Capt. J. W. Mackay has obtained permission from Dr. Peet, the coach of the crews, to hold the regatta which will consist of races between eights, fours, paired oared barges and single sculls.

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FELL FROM CAR WINDOW.

Train Was Going Fifteen Miles an Hour, but the Child Was Not Hurt.

Anna Wortz, the three-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Wortz of Vernon avenue, Rosebank. Staten Island, fell yesterday morning from the window of a train of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad between the Rosebank and Clifton stations. The train was going at the rate of fifteen miles an hour. The mother turned to one side to arrange her skirt, and when she turned toward the child again the little girl had disappeared. The train was brought to a stop at a signal from Brakeman Benjamin Ravcraft, who had been standing on the rear platform and had seen the child fall out of the window. He hurried back with Conductor Williams and found the child lying by the track crying lustily. The child was unhurt.

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DARING WESTERN GIRL

Buffalo" Jones's Daughter Captures Alive CARBONDALE, Col., May 23 - Miss Olive Jones has, by a daring exploit, captured alive the first of the six Rocky Mountain sheep to be sent

Manchuria to work placer mines in Siberia and Manchuria, for which Victor Grot, a wellknown Californian expert, obtained concessions two years ago. They will take with them \$300,000 worth of improved mining machinery. The Siberian mines are 150 miles from Chitu and in Manchuria the mines are 550 miles from Tientsin.

ANOTHER FAGIN IN TOWN? Magistrate Says Well-Known Thief Is Train-

ing Boys to Steal. When Samuel Agrenick of 203 East Eighty-ninth street and Wolff Marcus of 17 Eldridge street, both 16 years old, were arraigned yesterday in the Gates avenue police court, Brooklyn, charged with robbing Mrs. George Tunison of 72 Herkuner street of a pocketbook containing \$4.50 Magistrate Brenner said: "There are a lot of boys who are being trained by a well-known thief in New York to come over here and pick up pocketbooks and I be-lieve you to be one of them."

Passenger Agent Timpson Fatally Injured.

BUFFALO, N.Y., May 23. - Thomas S. Timpson general Eastern passenger agent of the Lake Shore, was tatally burned early this morning by an explosion in a room in a house on Oak street. The alarm was given by Stella Burdell, the keeper of the house. Timpson was found enveloped in flames. The skin fell from more than half his body when he was taken to the hospihalf his body when he was taken to the hospi-tal, but in spite of his terrible suffering he re-mained conscious until noon. Fire in a waste-paper basket caused an explosion of kas escap-ing from a rubber tube leading to a table lamp. Mr. Timpson came here from New York ten years ago and was one of the most widely known men in the traffic business. He was 53 years old, a veteran of the war and angide-de-camp on the staff of Commander Shaw. A wife and daughter survive him.

Jerry Simpson Sells His Newspaper Wichita, Kan., May 23. Jerry Simpson to-day sold his newspaper, which the new owners will continue to run in the interests of the Fu-

sion candidates. Simpson has retired, he says, because he has too much other business but political friends say it is his intention to come squarely out as a Democrat within a short time. Simpson expects to be returned to the Sanate. Wages. Brogue or No Brogue. Elma Gillette obtained a verdict for \$315 be-fore Justice Conlan in the City Court yesterday

to employ her at \$95 a week as leading actress in the senson of 1898-1899. His defence was that he had engaged her for Irish parts, but that she couldn't put the brogue on thick enough.

against Joseph Murphy for breach of a contract

SHOT DEAD BY STRIKERS.

THIRD VICTIM OF THE ST. LOUIS STRIKE A SPECIAL POLICEMAN.

Killed While Guarding the Motorman of a Cas Run Through a Disorderly District-Constant Rioting During the Day-Company

Makes No Attempt to Run Cars at Night. St Louis, Mo., May 23.-The sixteenth day of the street car strike was marked by renewed rioting, resulting in one death and several more

The attempt to open the Cass avenue line, which runs through the district known as "Kerry Patch," was resisted, there being practically one continuous riot along the route. When the police succeeded in dispersing the rioters at one point they reappeared at another and renewed their attacks upon train crews

At Twenty-third street and Cass avenue Duncan K. MacRae, a special policeman who was enrolled on Monday, was shot through the lungs, dying a few minutes later while being taken to the dispensary in an ambulance. Mackae was on the front platform of the car to guard the motorman when he was shot. He McCartney of the Fire Department has asked that householders be requested to have their cellar doors locked and to furnish tradement with keys. This, he thinks, would keep the firebugs out.

To study sun's composition.

Columbia's Observers will Make an Original Observation of the Eclipse.

Dr. S. A. Mitchell of the department of astronomy of Columbia University announced yesterday that an original investigation would be carried on by the university expedition to observe the eclipse in an attempt to learn what metals exist in the sun. To accomplish this the sun's corona will be made the special object of study by means of so-called flash spectra, a new kind of Rowland convex grating and quartz lenses in the place of the prismatic camera used by Prof. Young of Princeton, who conducted the first investigations on this subject. Prof. Young found that iron formed the largest part of the sun, but other metals are supposed to exist there in large quantities, and the Columbia observers hope to verify or disprove these surmises. Dr. Jewell of the Johns Hopkins. was 60 years of age and came here from Kansas

COURT-MARTIAL FOR LIEUT. MARTIN Charged With Forging Receipted Bills for

Goods Delivered at the Post. E. H. Martin, Second Lieutenant of the Fifth Artillery, is to be tried to-day at 10 o'clock by ourt-martial at Fort Hamilton on three charges of forgery, according to General Orders 115 issued by Major-Gen. Brooke. The principal witnesses against him will be civilians representing the Campbell Milk Company, the Hall Safe! Company and C. A. Bilharz, a cigar dealer of 179 Third avenue. At the time the alleged crime was committed Martin was treasurer of the post exchange and canteen at Fort Hancock, where Major Bur-

TWENTY-TWO KILLED IN A MINE.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 23.-Cumnook, thirty miles from here, was the scene of an explosion in the coal mines yesterday afternoon. Twentyto the Smithsonian Institute. The animal is only a few weeks old and was caught in the mountains near Redstone. The girl saw the mother hide the young one on a precipitous ledge.

"Buffalo" Jones tied a rope under his daughter's arms, swung her over the brink of the cliff and lowered her to the ledge below. Then, with the lamb in her arms, the girl was pulled back to the top. Jones is working for the Government and has a special permit from the State of Colorado.

TO WORK SIBERIAN MINES.

Californians Going With \$300,000 Worth of Placer Mining Machinery.

San Francisco, May 23—Fifty-two experienced California miners will soon sail for Manchuria to work placer mines in Siberia and two men, ten of whom are white and twelve

REBELS CLAIM VICTORIES.

Colombian Agent Here Also Gets a Report of an Attack on an Ecuador Town.
A. J. Restrepo, confidential agent of the Colombian Provisional Government, received Colombian Provisional Government, received advices vesterday, telling of the progress of the revolution. These despatches assert that the Government forces have been defeated in several small engagements and of the failure of an attack on Tulean, Ecuador, by an army of combined Colombian and Ecuadorian forces. The despatch from Maracaibo says: "Mail from the encampment has been received. Governmentarmy defeated in several partial engagements and is in full retreat. Revolution spreading all over and Liberal army marching toward Boxota"

A despatch from Quito says: "Combined Colombian and Ecuadorian Conservatives attacked yesterday Tulcan, Ecuador, and were totally routed by Ecuadorian forces. Hope Government at Bogota will condemn such outrage."

SOLDIERS SUE RAILROAD.

Damage Suits of the 69th Men Against the L. and N. Now on Trial in This City. The first of a series of about a hundred damage suits brought against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad by members of the Sixty-ninth Regiment is on trial before Judge Lacombe Regiment is on trial before Judge Lacombe and a jury in the United States Circuit Court. The suits were brought to recover damages for injuries sustained in a collision at flughes Siding. Tenu, while the regiment was on the way to Chickamauga during the war with Spain. The action in this first case was brought by James R ddy to recover \$3,500 damages. The complaint alteges that the engineer ran the transpert grain round a curve at a regkless rate of speed and thereby caused the accident. Roddy's suit is a test case and the decision will cover the other state.

cover the other suits. Mrs. Agnes F. Ford's Unhappy Married Life. CHICAGO, May 23. - Mrs. Agnes F. Ford, for-merly of New York city and at present agent for the New York Life Insurance Company in for the New York Life Insurance Company In the Marquette Building, occupied the witness stand to-day before Judse Chetlain and told of the infeneity which attended her married life. She charges her husband, Ernest W. Ford, formerly a rich New Yorker, a member of the Produce Exchange and a clubman, with habit and drunkenness and non-support. Testimony on these two points only was heard to-day and the case continue I until May 31.

City Confesses Judgment to Molineux De-

tective. Charles Heidelberg, a detective employed by the District Attorney to watch the movements of the jurors during the trial of Roland B. Moll-neux, obtained a judgment against the city yesterday on an offer of the Corporation Coun-sel for \$5,300. His claim was \$5,881.